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Finger of Suspicion

THE finger of suspicion has been pointed at the Central Intelligence Agency, the most secret of all government agencies, one which doesn't broadcast its working force, account specifically for funds spent and one which apparently is responsible, at least in part, for misinformation being given President Kennedy on the Cuban situation.

Under normal circumstances, even this area of government can be allowed a mistake or two, but major, almost catastrophic mistakes under present world conditions can be so costly that they can't be tolerated.

Faulty intelligence resulted in tremendous loss of prestige when President Eisenhower decided against a scheduled visit to Japan because of communist-inspired riots. No one can forget the U-2 incident. Apparently faulty intelligence information on the situation within Cuba has resulted in another tremendous setback

for this country. We can ill afford such setbacks when the stakes are so high—possibly our freedoms and way of life.

President Kennedy is conducting his own investigation of why and how misinformation came to the White House, and this is to the good. We need to see that this type of thing never happens again.

The entire blame probably can't be laid at the feet of CIA, but there is enough indication of faulty intelligence that an investigation certainly is needed.

We can expect setbacks in the cold war, but not such major ones one after another. We must fight encroachment of communism on our very shores, almost, effectively or suffer the consequences.

The eventual consequences of losing ground continually will be a world dominated by Soviet Russia.